GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1298
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CUSTOMS EXCISE GOLD CONTROL APPELLATE TRIBUNAL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches of Customs, Excise & Gold(Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT) at present in thecountry and location thereof;

(b) whether these benches are sufficient to settle the pending cases;

(c) the number of cases pending at each bench at present;

(d) whether keeping in view the bulk of pending cases and their timely disposal the Government propose to open some more benches;

(e) if so, the details thereof and locations thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether there is full time President of CEGAT; and

(h) if not, the time by which a full time President is to be provided at CEGAT?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

a) Sir, there are 11 (eleven) benches of Customs, Excise & Gold(Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT), located at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The number of cases pending as on 31.12.2000 are as follows :-

Delhi	:	2,426
Mumbai	:	17,037
Kolkata	:	541
Chennai & Bangalore +	:	8,407
Total Pendency	:	28,411

+ (The Bench at Bangalore was notified on 14.12.2000 and itsjurisdiction carved out of the erstwhile Southern RegionalBench at Chennai. Therefore, the pendency for Chennai and Bangalore has been clubbed.)

(d), (e) & (f) : Since the pendency at Mumbai is high, it has been decided to shift four Members from Delhi to Mumbai.

(g) : Yes, Sir.

(h) : Does not arise.